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NATIONAL POLICY FOR URBAN TRANSPOR
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has formulated a National Policy or Urban Transport;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to introduce a comprehensive legislation in this regard;

(c) if so, the salient features of the National Policy for urban transport; and

(d) if not, the time by which the said policy is likely to be formulated?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (d) The National Urban Transport Policy is at draft stage. The proposed Draft Policy includes measures for promotion of public transport in the light of rapid increase in personal vehicles in cities and the resultant pollution and congestion. It envisages giving priority to public transport and promotion of greater use of public transport rather than usage of personal vehicles. It also suggests affordable, yet viable tariffs in public transport and wider use of appropriate technologies. Regional workshops have been held in Delhi. Mum-bai. Kolkata, Guwahati and Hyderabad to elicit comments/ reactions of various stakeholders and experts on the draft Policy circulated to them and to duly incorporate them in the final document. Steps have been initiated to finalise the Policy.